

The Stikeen River Journal.

DEVOTED TO THE INTERESTS OF WRANGEL, SOUTHEASTERN ALASKA, AND THE ALL-CANADIAN ROUTE TO THE YUKON.

WHOLE NO. 22

FORT WRANGEL, ALASKA, SATURDAY, MAY 28, 1908.

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FOR FREE CUBA!

Wrangel Celebrates

The Inauguration of the War for Free Cuba

PATRIOTS OF "MAINE"

And the 79th Birthday Anniversary of H. M. Queen Victoria!

It was a grand success! The good people of Wrangel did themselves proud by their hearty and enthusiastic outpouring last Tuesday in honor of the inauguration of the war between the United States and Spain in memory of the patriots who perished on the Maine, and in honor of the 79th anniversary of the birthday of Queen Victoria.

For over two weeks about thirty persons, constituting the ten subcommittees, had worked hard during every moment of their spare time, and many gave all their time to make it a success. Every detail had been carefully gone over, and everything had been prepared, and everybody stood at their posts, and performed their duties like soldiers. At the beginning two rules were adopted: 1. That no debts should be contracted unless the money was in the treasury to pay for the same. 2. That no money should be paid out except on the order of the executive committee. The faithful observation of these two rules did for Wrangel what is seldom done in many cities of far greater size, namely, the executive committee has paid its every debt, and has a surplus for the Fourth of July. The books of the executive committee are open to the public, which can see from whence came each dollar, and how it was spent, accompanied by the proper vouchers. It is needless to say that the committee is proud of its work.

The Celebration.

THE FLAG RAISING.

Promptly at four o'clock Tuesday morning George Noyer rapped on the door of the JOURNAL office, and roused the director general, Thomas J. Lane, the chairman of the flag pole committee, was then awakened, and in a few minutes Messrs. Lane and Noyer were climbing the sides of Mount Dewey, the old north tower, where a tall spruce tree had been trimmed of its branches, a block placed in position, and hoisted away.

The next thing was to look after the anvils. Marshal Nixon had provided the anvils, as the old cannon were deemed unsafe. The anvils weighed 150 and 175 pounds, and were stationed with a crew of men just south of the sawmill.

Fifteen minutes before five o'clock, early risers saw a tiny ball of bunting slowly climb the tall flag pole on Mount Dewey, till it reached the peak. The anvils were loaded, while anxious eyes peered through opera glasses watching for it to unfold.

Finally the little ball of bunting gave way, and there floated out into the northern breezes the colors of the American, British and Cuban governments, in their mingled hues of red, white and blue. Scarcely had their folds been shaken by the winds before HANG! went the anvil, and each flag was greeted with its proper national salute of twenty-one guns, and the program of the day was commenced.

THE RIFLE SHOOT.

At eight o'clock a. m., the persons, who had entered for the rifle contest, went down below the sawmill to the target ground. The distance was 40 yards, a five shot score, with a possible 125, and a 2 target. Following is the score:

P. Haught	16, 20, 18, 21, 23	— 98
G. H. Hamilton	0, 14, 16, 19, 22	— 71
F. L. Marshall	18, 20, 20, 20, 22	— 100
W. A. Peck	20, 21, 22, 20, 21	— 107
Al. Osborn	13, 13, 18, 23, 25	— 92
G. W. Card	18, 19, 20, 21, 0	— 78
W. E. Reed	16, 18, 20, 23, 25	— 102
Frank Harris	13, 14, 14, 17, 0	— 58
Jack Legge	0, 0, 0, 0, 0	— 0

The handsome, twenty-five dollar gold medal, donated by F. W. Carlyon, the front street jeweler, was won by Mr. Peck. To hold it forever, the winner must win it three times.

THE KEY OF THE CITY.

The next ceremony of the day was the presentation of the Key of the City

by its officials to the officials of the celebration.

At 9:30 o'clock Mr. Duncan McKinnon, chairman of the townsite committee, accompanied by Mr. Fred Lynch, of the same committee, assembled in front of McKinnon's store, and proceeded by the Wrangel brass band, and thirty of the public school children all neatly dressed in holiday attire, and carrying American flags, guided by Miss A. G. Kelsey, their teacher, marched along Front street, to the C. P. R. wharf, and out to the ship, where was waiting Director General B. A. Stephens and staff, consisting of Mrs. J. Heil, Mrs. Dr. Dora Fugard, Mrs. E. A. Weber, Mrs. D. McKinnon, Mrs. J. D. Rumburg, Mrs. Lizzie Sanger, Henry M. Stowe, B. A. Stephens, Jr., George Rinearson, Thomas J. Lane, H. C. Taft, J. A. Hunter, J. M. Wilcox, and A. G. McBride, and the invited guests of the occasion.

Captain Goss, of the steamer Tees, Captain Henry J. Woodside, commanding the squadron, regiment Manitoba dragoons; E. Roche, H. B. Carter, H. A. Corbet, A. M. Burns, F. H. Worlock, M. Manson, Richard Nightingale, Captain B. Eldridge, Company H, 14th U. S. Infantry, Captain Sanborn of the steamer Ogilvie, Captain E. H. G. Gardiner, of the Royal Canadian dragoons and adjutant of the Yukon force.

The public school children sang the first stanza of America, and Mr. Duncan McKinnon, accompanied by Fred Lynch, stepped to the front, and handed Director General Stephens a large golden key, and said:

"Director General and staff: I have the honor, as chairman of the townsite committee of Fort Wrangel, to present you and your staff, and through you to all the good people of this young and growing city, this golden key, emblematic of the freedom of the city, which is yours to enjoy this bright and happy day to the fullest extent. May the excellent program, which your honorable committee has labored so hard and faithfully the past few weeks to prepare, be carried out, and may it be a day long to be remembered in the annals of our beautiful city. The city is yours for the day."

Director General Stephens replied: "Honorable chairman and gentlemen of the Townsite Committee: In behalf of the executive committee here assembled, I am in behalf of the good people of Wrangel, for whom this celebration has been provided, also as an act of consecration of our lives to the cause of liberty, in memory of those patriots who perished on the Maine, in honor of our British cousins, of our blood and our tongue, who are here with us this day, to participate in our festivities, and further in honor of their most gracious sovereign, Queen Victoria, who this day passes the 79th milestone in her long and glorious reign of 61 years for all these great and noble things which we celebrate this day, do I accept this golden key to the gates of the city of Wrangel."

THE PROCESSION.

A procession was then formed as follows:

1. The Wrangel brass band.
2. The public school children.
3. Chairman Duncan McKinnon with Director General Stephens.
4. The Townsite Committee.
5. The staff of the director general.
6. The invited guests.
7. The Executive Committee and General Committee.
8. Citizens.

There were about 200 in line. Preceded by inspiring strains of martial music, the procession moved off the wharf, along Front street to Paradise alley to Second avenue, up Second avenue to the Government plaza, around which the procession made one complete circle, the band playing, the school children singing, and the two thousand citizens present cheering.

LITERARY AND MUSICAL.

At 10 o'clock, Director General Stephens mounted the platform, and called the assemblage to order, and stated the objects of the celebration.

The national anthem, "America," was then sung, Mrs. Lizzie Sanger leading, accompanied by Miss Lulu Keefe on the piano, the public school children leading and the audience joining.

Rev. Clarence Thwing, who has been the Presbyterian missionary in Wrangel for the past six years, invoked the Divine blessing in a prayer replete with earnest, patriotic sentiment and a sense of justice.

D. O'Donovan Rossa, son of the famous Irish agitator, in a rich, strong soprano, sang a new version of "Tramp, Tramp, Tramp, the Boys are Marching." He was encored, and gave "Marching through Georgia," the audience joining in the chorus.

The committee had scattered printed cards through the audience having the text of America, God Save the Queen, Marching Through Georgia, Star Spangled Banner, Tramp, Tramp, Tramp, the Boys are Marching, Dixie, Yankee "Dewey" Dandy, and God be with us till we meet again, so all could have the words from which to sing.

Rev. C. W. Kennedy, the pastor of the Second Presbyterian church, followed in an earnest, patriotic address, that stirred the people profoundly.

The school children sang Dixie with a spirit that fired the hearts of all the southerners present.

Mrs. Lizzie Sanger sang a medley of patriotic songs, assisted by the school children, waving the appropriate flags of the different nations as called.

Mrs. S. J. Lemont, pastor of the Spiritualist church, delivered an address, that gave evidence of that lady's ability to defend the action of her country in its present aggressive war for the uplifting of humanity.

With uncovered heads the entire audience, Americans and British, of the latter many being present, sang "God Save the Queen." There was an outburst of enthusiasm as the school children led out, and the mingled harmonies of over two thousand voices vibrated on the northern breeze. It was a wonderful sight to see the descendants of the very Englishmen who had rebelled against King George uniting with the descendants of those who had remained loyal to the crown, uniting their voices in the hymn of praise to the Queen.

Appropriately the next speaker was Captain Henry J. Woodside, commanding the squadron of the regiment of Manitoba dragoons. His speech was clear, strong and thoughtful, and at times eloquent, and when his manly tones declared that the United States and the British empire stood as one man against all forms of tyranny in the world, the enthusiasm of the audience overleaped its bounds, and he was greeted with an applause seldom accorded public speakers.

Mrs. E. A. Weber followed with the

classic song of "Barbara Frietchie" in a fine soprano voice, that won hearty applause.

Captain Thomas A. Willson, in excellent voice, read the late poem of Alfred Austin on the Anglo-American alliance.

"Marching Through Georgia" was sung again, the school children leading, and the audience joining.

George Rinearson, Esq., followed in one of his cheery, witty speeches, that made everybody feel good.

The new song of "Yankee Dewey Dandy," to the old tune, was then sung, the school children leading and the audience joining.

The only Andrew Wildman then took the platform and the audience. He gave a parody on "Barbara Frietchie" that took the audience by storm, and people laughed as long as their physical strength endured. Being heartily encored, he gave "the colored parson's learned disquisition on the apple," putting an entirely new phase on the famous apple story in the garden of Eden.

The school children sang the Star Spangled Banner, the audience joining. Rev. C. W. Kennedy pronounced the benediction, and the children and audience sang "God be with us till we meet again."

The assemblage then dispersed to attack the barbecue.

The Barbecue.

A large table had been built on the plaza in front of the JOURNAL office. The table was 100 feet long by 3 feet wide, shopped like the letter E.

On the tables were sandwiches, cakes, pies, pickles, meats, bread, butter, etc., all well cooked, and elegantly served. There was food for two thousand people. Hot coffee and tea were served, and at the end of one hour there did not remain the traditional basket of fragments, so excellently did the appetites of the crowd testify to the well-cooked food. Messrs. H. C. Taft, Sam Deo, Mrs. J. D. Rumburg and George Noyer are entitled to the credit for the feast.

The Sports.

It is an old saying that "nothing lies like a circus poster," and when Jack M. Wilcox prepared a program that stuck out in type like the old time circus posters of childhood days, many people wondered if it really meant all it said. Well, it did. Every item, with three exceptions, was faithfully carried out as advertised, and those were the ladies' race, the hurdle race and the tub race.

Front street had been roped off between McKinnon's store and Reid & Sylvester's, and the ground leveled for

the races at the expense of the committee on sports consisting of Jack M. Wilcox, chairman, Jack P. Collins, and George Parker. Mr. Parker worked very hard making preparations for the events, and particularly to him is due the credit for having the tug of war.

A greased pole twenty feet high stood in the center of the street, with a ten dollar watch on the top for the lucky wight who could shin its heights. The business houses were gaily decorated with flags and bunting, the American and British colors being predominant.

There were over 1500 persons by actual count standing around the ropes when Jack M. Wilcox called them to order at 2 o'clock p. m., and announced that the sports would begin.

Miss Vera Beebe, a handsome young lady, mounted a box, and in a strong clear voice, recited the new poem, "Remember the Maine," for which she was heartily applauded.

The first was the sack race, which was won by Taft James. The prize was a sack of flour.

The three-legged race was won by Messrs. Willson and Watson.

For the fat men's race there were Duncan McKinnon, D. O'Donovan Rossa, and J. H. W. Locke. Mr. McKinnon, dropped out early. Mr. Rossa stuck manfully to the end, but Mr. Locke won the race and the elegant, copper medal.

The wheelbarrow race was won by Frank Harris. The prize was a pair of gloves.

The high jumps were won by Fred Bowen, who jumped four feet five inches, and three feet nine inches.

In the young ladies' race, there were no entries, but Miss Grace Anderson, the popular young actress of the opera house company, was persuaded to make the run against time of ten seconds. She made the run in seven seconds exactly, amid the plaudits of the crowd, and won a costly bottle of perfume and a box of elegant handkerchiefs.

The single man's race was won in two heats, and both were won by C. R. Long, of Washington, Iowa, who received as a prize a mysterious package valued at \$7.00, which he refused to open.

The married man's race was won by Mr. Wakefield. The prize was a package valued at ten dollars, but nobody knows the contents, and Mr. Wakefield had not opened it yet.

The obstacle race was won by Willie Heidenger. The prize was an elegant pipe and a box of tobacco.

The cracker eating contest was also won by Willie Heidenger. The prize

was a box of crackers and a bottle of "You Know."

The running high jump was won by Fred Bowen. The prize was a scarf.

After many vain attempts to climb the greasy pole, Ed Howe finally succeeded by putting a long narrow board against the pole and secured the watch.

The tug of war excited the most interest of any item in the program. Twelve brawny, British sailors from the tug boat Simpson laid down on one end of the rope, and twelve picked Americans from the citizens of Wrangel took the other end. Everything being ready Jack Wilcox fired a pistol shot, and the big rope tightened out as if fifty elephants were at either end tugging for dear life. The people became so excited that they broke down the ropes and crowded around the pullers cheering and yelling like pandemonium. For one minute the big rope stood taut, and then gradually it began to move toward the American side, and in exactly two minutes and seventeen seconds the American eagle screamed for victory. The prize was a box of fine home-made Wrangel cigars.

The tug between the Indians and Americans was won by the latter.

The last was the greasy pig race. A fat porker had been donated by the fish cannery. About twenty men and boys entered. The pig made a short run through the crowd, and, when the judge, Jack P. Collins arrived, several men and boys were on top of the pig. Mr. Collins first declared the race a draw, but there was so much confusion and noise, his decision was not heard by many, and Mr. Wilcox, the chairman of the committee on sports, told the three butchers who had the pig in hand to take the pig away, and settle it among themselves. This action was subsequently ratified by the executive committee, on the ground that, according to the law of sports, the judge must award the prize to the party who actually has the pig in his possession at the time the judge arrives on the scene. The West brothers were the winners.

The crowd then adjourned to the C. P. R. wharf to get a good view of the skill race, which was won by Bert Van Luyven. The prize was \$5 cash.

W. Foster had worked indefatigably to get up the canoe race, and he succeeded in giving a fine show. Five Indians were in each canoe, and the race was won by Johnny Johnson and his crew against Sackum Jim and his crew. The prize was ten dollars cash.

There was to have been a race between the steamers Skagit Chief and

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Southeast Alaska has 45,000 square miles of inhabitable area.

Wrangel is destined to be a great city. Blind must be he who cannot read the hand writing on the wall.

There will be some great side jumps made by "de gang" when the proper time comes. Wait for developments.

The discovery of a ledge of tin ore near this city recently occurred. The JOURNAL will investigate and make a report.

Among the noticeable improvements of the city is the painting of the houses. The citizens are to be congratulated on their enterprise.

Why should the presence of a few soldiers in Wrangel disturb the peace of a few of Wrangel's best (?) citizens, who answers. Why!

The erection of a stamp mill near this place is announced by a gentleman from Texas, who will draw all his supplies from our merchants.

Of course, you have read the old story of the cat, the monkey, and the cheese? It is not hard to guess who is getting the cheese in Wrangel. But, "there will come a time."

Our attention has been called to the danger of storing fireworks in the city. There is no adequate protection against fire, and such merchandise greatly increases the risks.

It is rumored that "Two calls five" is the ruling passion in Wrangel at present. Well, how much more does a man want, to be taught a game at which he will be able to make a living when he is out of a job?

Wrangel is a busy place these days. The constant arrivals and departures of ocean and river steamers, with their continual blowing of whistles, makes this place resemble a railroad town in the amount of noise that is made.

Reliable news just received from Dawson is to the effect that the most conservative estimates place the spring export at \$20,000,000 gold. Just think of FORTY TONS of gold being added to the per capita wealth of the world!

The Skagway News gets facetious over the idea of a bank in Wrangel. Well, those are funny fellows up there at the head of Lynn canal! Come to think of it, has Skagway a bank, or even the prospects of a bank? Come, neighbor, don't get jealous at our prosperity.

The good news comes from Sitka that Judge C. S. Johnson has signified his intention to hold the November term of the district court of Alaska in Wrangel. The JOURNAL was the first to agitate this question, in which it was ably seconded by the chamber of commerce.

The Seattle Post-Intelligencer breaks out again "ferinst" Wrangel. In its issue of the 22d, it has a libellous article against our worthy Collector of Customs, John W. Ivey. The article was evidently inspired by a certain gang here, as it bears all their earmarks. There is not a word of truth in the article. The P.-I. does not know how to tell the truth. John W. Ivey will never be removed from office as long as William McKinley is president.

The event of the week was the joint American-British celebration last Tuesday, a full account of which is given in the local columns. It was a success from start to finish, and was thoroughly enjoyed by everybody. The promoters are to be congratulated on their triumph. Even the elements favored them. The sporting program was especially excellent, and the dance was the finest ever given in this city. Our British cousins were conspicuous by their presence. Now we want a grand old fashioned Fourth of July celebration.

THE CITY OF WRANGEL.

It is well to stop and reflect amid all this noise, confusion, and bustle of the vast army of gold-seekers, who are thronging our gates, and passing through to the interior, and inquire "What is the end?"

In time, the rich gold fields of the Yukon basin will be worked out, just as were the gold fields of California and Australia. Or, if not worked out, they will be in the hands of trusts, and there will be no more "poor man's diggings."

It is true, that, with the early completion of the Lake Teslin railroad, Wrangel will be placed on quite a substantial basis, but that is not enough. Do we want to be merely a shipping station? where ships and cars can meet, for it is undoubtedly true that a railroad will be built between Stikeen city on Cottonwood Island and Shakesville, 150 miles up the Stikeen river.

Let us stop and look a moment at the future. First, has Wrangel a foundation? This question can be unhesitatingly answered in the affirmative. She has a future, and a grand one. Her supplies of fish and lumber are inexhaustible. The promises for coal, petroleum, gold, silver, copper, tin, lead, and even certain lines of agriculture are far greater than the superficial observer would first imagine.

We would suggest to our chamber of commerce that special committees be appointed to investigate along all these lines, and that the reports of these investigations, with appropriate illustrations, be published in convenient pamphlet form for ready reference, and that these pamphlets be judiciously distributed abroad in order to induce the proper kind of immigration. Then with our country settled with a right kind of people, and not a lot of crazy gold hunters, the 45,000 square miles of inhabitable area of Southeastern Alaska will be entitled to respectful consideration at the hands of the United States.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

Dominion of Canada, British Columbia.
Rules for the Navigation of
Stikeen River.

The Department of Marine and Fisheries of Canada has made arrangements for a system of signalling at Little Canyon, on the Stikeen river, to prevent collisions therein. Immediately after the opening of navigation a station will be established at each end of the canyon, at which signals will be displayed for the guidance of vessels.
A white ball or disc, hoisted to the top of a mast will denote that the channel is clear, and that a vessel may enter the canyon from the end at which the ball is displayed.
A black drum or square will denote that the channel is not clear, and a vessel must not enter the canyon on any consideration when the drum is displayed.
The drum and ball shown together will be a signal between the two stations for information of the signaller, and no vessel may enter the canyon when this signal is shown.
In the event of vessels approaching the canyon from both ends simultaneously, the upward bound vessel will be held below the canyon until the descending vessel has run the canyon.
One prolonged blast of a steamer's whistle will be a request to the signaller to show the all clear signal.
In any other part of the river within Canadian territory, if a vessel is warping up, a downward bound vessel must keep clear of her and her warping lines, stopping and tying up if necessary to prevent collision.
In the event of two vessels simultaneously approaching a place where warping is required, the upward bound vessel must allow the downward bound vessel to pass, before running out her warping line. Two long blasts followed by two short blasts of a steamer's whistle will be a signal that she is actually engaged in warping. These rules will be established by Order in Council under the provisions of Chapter 73, Revised Statutes of Canada, and amending orders, and will have the force of law. They are not intended to supersede, but are to be in addition to the ordinary rule of the road.
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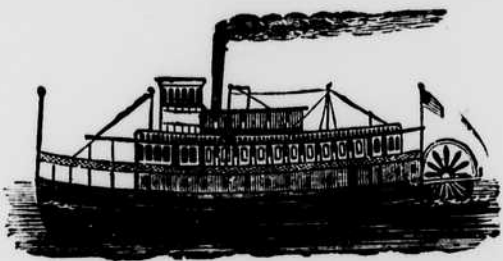
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And Natural Route to the Yukon Country, leading by the Sources of the Gold.

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A Visitor's Impressions of The Possibilities of Wagon and Railroad Construction.

VI. C. C. LESTER, 4 May 1898.

Not having been able to give the Colonist letters from all the points visited in Alaska, as requested, I will try and make amends by giving general summary from this point. After looking over the situation for several months and comparing all the points of advantage, I have finally settled on Wrangel as the coming permanent port of Alaska. "Comparisons are odious" yet it would be difficult to point out all the advantages of Wrangel without alluding to other points on the coast.

That the residents of Dyea and Skagway have more vim and energy than the people of any other point on the coast is a self-evident fact; and to this fact alone I attribute their present success. But neither energy, nor energy and capital combined can accomplish impossibilities.

I know well from many years experience in the mountains from Colorado to California what energy, capital and railroad engineering can do, and yet I emphatically assert that they cannot surmount the difficulties presented by that precipitous range that stands like a huge Chinese wall, a menacing barrier between Lynn Canal and the Yukon.

A trail, rough and steep, is an accomplished fact. Tramways are a failure. A wagon road is a bare possibility. A railroad is a glaring impossibility. But supposing the freezing on the passes, drowning in the floods nor being crushed and buried in the awful avalanches, according to their respective reasons, could be avoided, and the range made passable for travel and traffic by some method yet unknown, and Lake Lindeman or Bennett safely reached, the awful White Horse rapids still remain. This last obstacle I consider the worst of all. Death by drowning or freezing is a silent operation; the floods are sudden, and the avalanche gives no warning, but the dreaded White Horse rapids thunder in one continuous roar "keep out." And as this awful warning can be heard miles away the timid are actually paralyzed before the struggle begins.

There are so many who want to come back alive, whether they strike it rich or not, and these routes can hardly ever become popular ones. Now if one has plenty of time and is satisfied to go in one year and out the next, he can go by way of the Yukon. So he can by Norway or the Andree route. But making due allowance for the time, what is gained by going two thousand miles around to get to the Klondike and then be in at the tail end of the rush?

The latest and most promising gold discoveries are away above the Klondike towards the head waters of the Yukon on the Stewart, Pelly, Salmon and other rivers, right where one would naturally expect to find them for notwithstanding all the theories to the contrary placer gold has its source in quartz and it does not wash up hill. I predict the next great gold excitement will have its basis in numerous free milling quartz ledges in the great divide between the Mackenzie and Yukon rivers. Every stream and tributary that heads in this divide from Cassiar northwest, a distance of seven hundred miles, flowing either into the Mackenzie or Yukon, contains gold. The Stikine river heads in the southeastern end of this

gold belt. Teslin lake is the head of the Yukon. Now if there is any reason or sense in going half around the earth or climbing mountain passes and running dangerous rapids to reach the very point where a prospector would naturally want to begin work when he can reach that point with his whole outfit, including animals, by steamboat via Wrangel and Stikine, I for one cannot see either.

No one in Alaska pays the slightest attention to the pessimistic predictions of the boom playing out. When the gold area, the shortness of the prospecting season and the difficulties to be encountered are all considered, there is no danger of the gold excitement playing out or even lessening in this generation. That there will be one great port of entry and egress for this the most extensive gold field ever discovered goes without saying. That old Fort Wrangel has the call for this vantage point I consider settled beyond reasonable dispute. I predict that in six months it will hardly have a rival. It has a climate about the same as Seattle or Victoria; it has the best protected harbor for deep sea going vessels on the coast; it is a superb location for a large city. There is ample room for extension. The facilities for drainage are naturally perfect. It is as near the mouth of the Stikine river as a sea port can be built, and it already has a good start. It is true the old town is badly laid out. It has many of the characteristics of an Indian village. The streets are narrow and crooked, and it will be difficult to have them widened and straightened on account of the tenacity of the natives to hold on to the homesteads of their forefathers. But all such obstacles are obviated in the adjoining town of North Wrangel, where broad streets are laid out at right angles to each other, where there is a splendid deep water front and several substantial wharves are being built where the streets will be graded and a broad board walk along the beach down to the court house and custom house, scarcely a quarter of a mile, is being constructed, and above all where there is a stream of pure fresh water, rushing right through the centre of the town into the ocean.

The stories circulated about the Stikine river not being navigable in summer and impossible on ice in winter, you can set down as bosh. The river is easily navigable for six months in the year—from the first of May till the last of October. Steamboats drawing not over five feet of water have no trouble. The old Alaskan drew five feet and the new Louise draws four feet and a half when loaded.

The Mackenzie & Mann railroad outfit, horses, mules and all went up on the ice to Telegraph Creek, 115 miles, the head of navigation. You can ride a horse and drive animals over the trail now from Glenora to Teslin Lake. There will soon be a good wagon road as the country is rolling and open all the way. There is no range to cross. In fact you can hardly tell where the divide is. With a sea port like Wrangel and a river like the Stikine, navigable to one end of the line as a base of supplies, a railway from Glenora to Teslin Lake is not only practicable but easy of accomplishment, and would settle the route to the Yukon beyond peradventure.

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Late this afternoon the JOURNAL came into possession of the facts of a most damnable conspiracy, of an element that has heretofore run affairs to suit themselves, to down J. W. Ivey, as collector of customs of Alaska. The hour is so late to give the facts, details, names, etc., only time remains to make the briefest allusion to the main points. Next week the JOURNAL will have some mighty interesting reading for some folks.

The conspiracy was hatched by certain disreputable parties in Juneau. It is thoroughly organized, and well equipped with the necessary sinews of war. A large corruption fund has been raised, and placed in the hands of certain parties in Sitka, Juneau and Wrangel, for "judicious" distribution.

Numerous letters have been written to United States senators setting forth alleged "corruption" in the customs service, which has sixty tons of confiscated goods on hand.

Letters have also been written to Mr. Ivey's bondsmen asking them to withdraw under dire pains and penalties.

Men have been hired to walk about the streets of Alaska towns to talk and create public opinion against Ivey.

Newspaper correspondents are to be wined and dined, in order to get them to color their reports for the press against Ivey.

One man from Skagway has been sent to Seattle to work the press, and it was who inspired the attack in the P-I of the 22nd instant against Ivey.

The scheme also includes the indictment of Ivey by the grand jury now session at Sitka.

Next week the JOURNAL will give all the facts, with the amount of the corruption fund, the names of the parties corrupted, the agents who corrupted them, the contributors to the corruption fund, the men who concocted the conspiracy, and certain high official co-conspirators and the manner and method of their work.

LOCAL NEWS.

Inspector Afloat J. D. Rumburg went to Glenora on the steamer Ogilvie last night.

The firm of Rossa & Sales has been solved. Mr. Rossa went to Glenora the Ogilvie last night.

A Frenchman was drowned yesterday at near Glenora. His name was not learned.

Ed Boothe, the popular manager of the opera house, will have a benefit at Tuesday night. He is deserving a large patronage, and the JOURNAL hopes to see the house filled. Let everybody buy a ticket.

The 14th infantry, U. S. A., Captain Bogardus Eldridge commanding, arrived in Wrangel Tuesday and will remain here indefinitely.

Some loggers across the bay got into a quarrel Thursday, and one shot at another. The parties have been arrested, and the trial will come off next week.

The Davidge wharf will be completed, and ready for business next Tuesday. Richard Nightingale, the agent, has pushed the work to a successful issue.

A few more left, send one to your friends. For sale at Duncan McKinnon's store, or by W. H. Corbell, JOURNAL office.

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Ogilvie. The Skagit Chief was up the river and the race had to be postponed. It will come off at a later date. This ended the sports.

The Dance.

The social committee, J. A. Hunter, Charles Merrill, and W. H. Corbell, had worked hard to make the dance a success, and the general verdict is that a finer dance was never given in Wrangel. One hundred couples worshiped at the shrine of Terpsichore until the "we sma' hours." McKinnon hall was a bower of beauty in decorations in British and American colors, and the music was first class. The gay scenes were enlivened by the presence of American and British army officers in full uniform. The programs were works of art, and are treasured as souvenirs.

The Opera House.

The attaches of the opera house were bound not to be outdone, and a free, patriotic show was given, that worked the audience up to the highest degree of enthusiasm, and when the great chorons of America and God Save the Queen was sung, the audience broke out in wild cheering that lasted several minutes.

At five o'clock p. m. James Rumburg climbed the heights of Mount Dewey, and pulled down the American, British, and Cuban colors that had floated all day long in the Alaskan breezes testifying to the patriotism of the Americans in this far away land, and of the drawing together in closer bonds of amity the two great branches of the Anglo-Saxon race.

Thus happily closed a day of general feasting and rejoicing, when, in the language of the great Ingersoll, "the sons of freedom drank at the fountain of enthusiasm."

The executive committee of the Cuban celebration were photographed in a group Thursday by Goetze.

Spiritual Church.

Mrs. S. J. Lenont, pastor of the Spiritualist church will lecture tomorrow (Sunday) evening in the court house. Subject to be selected by the audience. Psychometric tests after the lecture. Admission free. All welcome.

PERSONAL.

Hon. J. W. Ivey arrived on the government steamer Cosmos this morning from Sitka.

I. M. Hofstad, of Sitka arrived in Wrangel in charge of the government steamer Cosmos. Mr. Hofstad is a brother of Inspector Hofstad of this place.

U. S. Commissioner Tuttle, of Sitka arrived in Wrangel this morning. He is the guest of Collector Ivey.

Mrs. E. Cook, of Ketchikan, arrived in Wrangel Thursday evening, accompanied by her granddaughter. The latter will attend school in Wrangel during the coming term.

2nd Lieutenant Robert Allen, Co. H, 14th Regiment, U. S. A., has gone to Vancouver Barracks, to be on the staff of Brigadier General T. M. Anderson, who will go to the Philippines.


1st Lieutenant H. E. Powell, 1st regiment Illinois national guard, and for some time manager of the opera house, left this week for Chicago to join his regiment, which has been ordered to Cuba.

A choir of soldiers of Co. H, 14th regiment, U. S. A., will sing at the Grand Army memorial services in the Presbyterian church tomorrow evening.

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